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FOR COMPANIES INVESTING IN SOUTH AFRICA

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1. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO ITS ANTI-APARTHEID WEEK OF LAST
MARCH (REF C), THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE
TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU) RECENTLY PUBLISHED A 53-PAGE BOOK-
LET TITLED "AFRICAN WORKER UNDER APARTHEID". MOST OF
THE BOOKLET IS DEVOTED TO THE WORKER'S SITUATION IN
SOUTH AFRICA AND TO AN APPEAL TO WESTERN UNIONS TO MAKE
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A "SUSTAINED AND WHOLEHEARTED COMMITMENT TO THE ABOLITION
OF APARTHEID BY THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES OF THE WORLD."

2. THE BOOKLET ALSO CONTAINS TWO APPENDICES. ONE RE-
PRINTS THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EUROPEAN COMPANIES IN
SOUTH AFRICA, ADOPTED BY THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS IN
SEPTEMBER 1977 (REF D). THE OTHER APPENDIX LISTS THE

"ICFTU PROPOSALS FOR CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COMPANIES INVESTING IN SOUTH AFRICA." PRESS SUMMARIES IN SOUTH AFRICA, AS REPORTED IN REFTEL C, COVER THE ICFTU'S MAJOR POINTS, WITH ONE SIGNIFICANT OMISSION: THE ICFTU PROPOSAL THAT "A TRIPARTITE (GOVERNMENTS, EMPLOYERS, AND TRADE UNIONS) WATCHDOG COMMITTEE SHOULD BE SET UP AT NATIONAL AND EEC LEVELS TO ENSURE THAT COMPANIES ABIDE BY THE CODE."

3. THE "ICFTU CODE" IS ACTUALLY A LIST OF REFORMS WHICH THE ICFTU SOUGHT TO HAVE INCLUDED IN THE EC CODE. HAVING SUCCEEDED ONLY PARTIALLY, THE ICFTU IS STILL PROMOTING ITS PROPOSALS ACTIVELY AMONG AFFILIATES.

4. THREE COPIES OF ICFTU BOOKLET BEING AIRPOUCHED TO AF/I, AND ONE TO REGIONAL LABOR OFFICER, JOHANNESBURG, ADDITIONAL COPIES WILL BE POUCHED WHEN AVAILABLE.
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